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In Re Application of:

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No.: S63.2-6769

Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Petitioner, hereby requests a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2000. This petition is accompanied by \$110.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and is filed prior to or with the response.

Any outstanding fee for extension should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

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